



## Open Space Committee

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021.

Time: 7:30 PM.

Location: Conducted by Zoom remote participation

### Meeting Minutes

Present: Ann LeRoy, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Brian Kelder, Emily Nink, Wendy Richter, David White, Emily Sullivan, Zach Vaillette,  
Absent: Teresa DeBenedictis, John Pickle, Phil Lasker

1. Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015-2022)
  - a. The Committee reviewed the January meeting, which was attended by Horsley Witten, the consultant hired to assist with the OSRP update.
  - b. Between the January and February meetings, Committee members made recommended updates and revisions to the OSRP Action Table from the current plan. These updates and revisions are the beginning of the process to update the Action Table for the plan update. The Committee will also conduct public engagement for feedback on the Action Table.
  - c. The Committee went through each line of the first two sections of the Action Table and discussed possible updates and revisions.
  - d. The Committee discussed reorganizing the Action Table in the update to make it more action oriented and easier to follow. The Committee also discussed revising the Action Table goals to make the OSRP update stronger.
  - e. The Committee discussed that much of the current Action Table recommends maintenance, and that Arlington is limited in its open space and recreational asset maintenance abilities due to budget and staffing constraints.
  - f. Emily stated that Horsley Witten would be at the March meeting to review the public participation plan draft. Horsley Witten could also provide more guidance on updating the Action Table at that time.
2. Review/approve Minutes of January 28, 2021
  - a. Minutes of the January 28 meeting were reviewed and approved by all members present.
3. Updates: CPA/CDBG projects
  - a. The Committee reviewed the open space and recreation projects being submitted as final CPA applications for FY2022 grant awarding. These projects include: renovating the Spy Pond North Beach Ramp with porous pavement material, renovating Spy Pond Park Playground, developing a Town-wide Public Land Management Plan, renovating Hurd Field, and replacing the Robbins Farm Park slides.
4. Other News and Reports
  - a. Relocation planning for the VA memorial at Broadway Plaza is on hold.

- b. Mugar/Thorndike Place: Updated materials were submitted to the ZBA in January and February. BETA, the third-party reviewer hired by the ZBA, has submitted memos reviewing the updated materials. The ZBA will begin drafting a decision and discuss it in March at a public hearing.
- c. Mirak/1165R Mass Ave: Materials have been submitted to the ZBA for the comprehensive permit application, and the hearing process will begin in March for the proposal.
- d. Mountain Bike Working Group recommended to the Park and Recreation Commission that the Commission conduct a feasibility analysis of a mountain bike park at Hills Hill.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.

**2021 Meeting Dates** (usually 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month but note exceptions): March 25, April 29 (due to school vacation), May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 11, December 9 (due to holidays)

Submitted by  
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